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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, EG, LE

SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL DEVELOPMENT

REF: BEIRUT 3001

1. POST SHOULD USE ANY SUITABLE OCCASION TO DENY ALLEGATIONS MADE BY RAYMOND EDDE REPORTED IN REFTEL. USG HAS NO RPT NO PLANS FOR DIGGING OF NEW SUEZ CANAL OR RESETTLING REFUGEES IN SINAI. THIS TYPE OF GRANDIOSE PLAN HAS FROM TIME TO TIME BEEN FLOATED BY VARIOUS PRIVATE PARTIES.

2. YOU MAY INFORM EDDE AND OTHER LEBANESE AS APPROPRIATE THAT U.S. FAVORS RE-OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL AND IS PREPARED TO STUDY HOW U.S. MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE AS WELL AS BROADER TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION IN CANAL AREA. MEANWHILE, U.S. HAS RESPONDED TO SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM EGYPT FOR ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING MINES FROM THE SUEZ CANAL. SMALL TEAM OF U.S. MILITARY TECHNICAL EXPERTS WAS DESPATCHED TO EGYPT IN FEBRUARY TO ASSESS SCOPE AND NATURE OF MINE SWEEPING REQUIREMENTS IN THE CANAL.

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